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Donovan's Bag Ready

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New York attorney-negotiator James B. Donovan is reported to be planning another trip to Havana this week.

Donovan, who has served as the Kennedy administration's negotiator with Fidel Castro for the release of the Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners and nearly 10,000 Cuban refugees, is expected to fly from Miami in a private plane.

Speculation about the reported trip centers on two possibilities:

That Donovan needs to go to Havana to button up any loose ends on the \$53-million ransom package he negotiated for release of the invasion captives. The ransom shipments ended last week.

That Donovan now will dicker with Castro for a sweeping amnesty for political prisoners locked up by his regime.

ANOTHER CUBA TRIP FOR NEGOTIATOR



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Administration spokesmen and Donovan have denied repeatedly that Donovan's missions to Communist Cuba have had political implications.

But rumors have persisted that his dealings with Cas-

tro have ranged far beyond the original task of liberating the invasion captives.

However, U.S. officials have made no effort to deny an administration interest in keeping open the lines of communication established by Donovan with Castro, even though Washington has no diplomatic relations with the Castro regime.

After Donovan's last visit to Cuba he expressed the hope the Castro government would take a more liberal attitude toward political prisoners.

Recent travelers from Havana have reported that since Donovan intervened with Castro on behalf of the political prisoners, conditions in their jails

have been improved and a number of cases have been reviewed.

White House and State Department officials continue to insist there is no change in the stated policy of isolation of Cuba.

At the same time, State Department spokesmen say there has been in recent weeks a definite relaxing of tension. They add that the release of political prisoners would further that relaxation.

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